

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A utensil holder generally includes a case and a utensil-retaining rod assembly. The case presents a utensil-receiving opening, and the rod assembly includes a plurality of elongated, flexible rods. The rods are confined within the utensil-receiving opening in a manner that permits limited flexing movement of the rods, whereby a utensil inserted into the opening causes elastic displacement of adjacent ones of the rods to define a space that at least substantially collapses when the utensil is removed from the opening. This permits the utensil to be supported virtually anywhere within the opening. In addition, the rods are sufficiently packed within the opening to support the utensil in the desired orientation. Moreover, the rods are restricted against lengthwise shifting relative to one another, which permits the rod assembly to be unitarily disassembled from the case, if desired.